

[19th March 1928]

UNSTARRED QUESTION**Civil Justice**

Exemption from attachment of houses and sites occupied by agricultural labourers.

1778 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the provision [section 60 (c) of the Civil Procedure Code] exempting the houses and sites occupied by agricultural labourers from attachment and sale is often defeated by what are called pannaial agreements; and

(b) whether the Government propose to take any steps to see that the provisions of section 60 of the Civil Procedure Code are not so defeated?

A.—The Government have not definite information that the practice exists but will make enquiries.

II**COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.**

The Secretary laid on the table copies^a of the return of officers under the Government of Madras who held permanent, temporary, acting or probationary appointments on the 1st April of each of the years 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III**MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1928-29.****DEMAND IX—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES.**

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“The Council will now take up Demand No. IX.”

* The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—“Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I move

‘for a grant not exceeding 3·17 lakhs under “General Administration—Legislative Bodies”.’”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“The question is that Government be granted a sum not exceeding 3·17 lakhs under General Administration—Legislative Bodies.”

* Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—“Mr. President, Sir, I move

‘that the grant of Rs. 42,400 be reduced by a sum of Rs. 100.’

“In moving this amendment, Sir, my object is to urge the necessity for immediately placing at the disposal of the Legislative Council all the accommodation in the ground floor of the Secretariat. Sir, I need hardly point out to the hon. Member concerned that there is not enough space for the Legislative Council and the various parties and their office-bearers at present. Even for holding the Select Committee meetings, if more than one Select Committee meeting is held simultaneously, there is not enough space.